

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): Mattancheri.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Then this could be made optional.

Mr. P. V. Raphael (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It will be creating an invidious distinction.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Is there any objection for a Chairman wearing a chain?

FISHERIES RESEARCH OFFICER—EXTENSION OF TERM, ETC.

12. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) to which date is the term of office of the person who is conducting research in fishery extended;
- (b) when was he first appointed and on what terms;
- (c) whether he has submitted any report after the research conducted by him;
- (d) from which sub-head of the budget grant is his pay being met?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*):

- (a) Till the end of 1116.
- (b) He was first appointed with effect from 15th April 1940 (3rd Medam 1115). The appointment was not made on special terms but with the object of making a complete survey of the marine resources of the State.
- (c) The research is almost completed and the final report is expected to be submitted before the close of the official year.
- (d) "32—Industries and Commerce—Transferred—C. other charges—Special contribution for Industrial grants to Fisheries".

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether Government have received an interim report with regard to the result of the research he is conducting with regard to fisheries?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Two interim reports have been received.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Who is the officer to examine the report? May I know whether there are any persons who are competent to examine a report on a very technical subject?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Though the subject may be technical, there are general aspects of the question, which can be considered, not necessarily by an expert but also by others. I do not know whether you would call me an expert. But at any rate I did examine the general aspects of the question. Then there is the Fishery Superintendent from whom I called for some remarks on the subject, and with those remarks on the one side and the Research Officer's report on the other, using my own ordinary knowledge of things and the general knowledge that I possess, I examined the report and submitted my own remarks to Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether any laboratory has been placed at the disposal of the research student?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): He has been asked to work in the College Laboratory, if he wanted.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether he has accepted that instruction?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Whenever he felt the necessity, he must have done it.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether there is a very well-equipped laboratory in Calicut, and they are publishing from time to time the reports of the research which they are conducting?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Probably it is there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government place the report of the Fishery Research Officer before the Chief Professor of Zoology, I mean the acting Principal of the Maharaja's College?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): There is no objection.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): And then get his remarks?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether Government intend to continue the research work in this manner for another year?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What is the propriety in granting funds allotted for special contributions for industrial grants to fisheries for paying a particular officer for this very doubtful piece of work?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is a matter of opinion whether the work is doubtful or not.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Madras Government is publishing from time to time the reports of researches which they are conducting and will not these reports suffice for any furtherance of the industrial activities of Cochin State with regard to the fisheries?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It was found out that it was not sufficient and therefore he was appointed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know whether any tentative report has been submitted by the Research Officer?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): Two reports have been submitted.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): What exactly is the opinion of Government as regards the value of these reports?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): They are very useful, and are going to be placed before the Council.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Useful to whom?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Useful to whomsoever it may concern.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will these interim reports be sent to the Principal of the Maharaja's College for his remarks?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I will certainly do so.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): When will you get the final report?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I expect to get another report in five or six days. The report is already complete. Finishing touches are being given to it.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Does the Government accept the position that there must be an expert to examine that report?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): If we knew the subject we would not have appointed an expert.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): May I know whether the survey covers also fishing in the sea?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We are taking into consideration that also to some extent. This is on a

commercial basis. It is not a scientific study. That is the reason why the reports received from Madras or Calicut are not sufficient for our purpose.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is this young man going out into the sea for work?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Not to the sea. It is only in the backwaters.

FOREST EXCLUSIONS—MACHAD—PARTICULARS OF ASSIGNMENT

13. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) on whose recommendation and for what purposes were certain survey numbers covering a total area of 58 acres 19 cents in Block No. 62 of Machad Forests declared removed from Forest Exclusions under section 17 of the Forest Act (please vide notifications of the Government Nos. 129 and 130 of 19th June 1941 and 20th June 1941 respectively);
- (b) whether the Government have any idea to assign the plot referred to above to any private individual;
- (c) whether it has already been assigned;
- (d) if not, whether anybody has applied for those plots; if so, who is the applicant?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*):

- (a) On the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar and the Conservator of Forests and for the purpose of assignment.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) No.
- (d) Yes. (1) Karumankuzhi Sankunny Menon, Elanad Village, Talappilli Taluk, (2) Patinjare Madhathil Narayana Ayyar of Chelakkara Village, (3) Konna-nath Thekkethil Patinjare Veetil Narayanan Nayar, Cheruthuruthi, (4) A. K. T. K. M. Narayanan Nam-booripad, Desamangalam.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): May I know whether these assignments were made after putting it up for public auction?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): The general order is that it must be by public auction and whenever there is more than one individual applying for the same plot, undoubtedly, it